



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Janice Miller Demonstrates Folk Painting at Kentucky Artisan Center

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, June 23, Janice Miller, of Wilmore, will demonstrate folk painting with acrylics from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Miller grew up on a farm in Kentucky, where her family raised all their own food. She helped tend and raise many of the animals that today are the subjects and inspiration for many of her paintings.

Whenever her creative family members would gather, they would talk and visit while doing handwork, sewing and quilting. As a young child, Miller learned how to make hooked rugs from her aunt, eventually learning how to sew and to quilt – but painting remained her creative preference.

While she has had no formal art training, Miller's family encouraged her and her elementary teachers gave her crayons. Today, she paints on recycled materials and on Masonite, an affordable material that she can cut to fit any size frame.

Miller coats the Masonite with a clear coat to allow the earthy brown surface color to show through before she applies acrylic paint. She finishes her paintings with a top coat of varnish to seal the painting.

Looking to her surroundings for subject matter, Miller states, "Artists learn in clusters and create in solitude. Criticism is how we learn, and we must always listen to it. If there is truth in the criticism it will strike a chord which we can then learn from."

Works by Janice Miller are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate -75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth and a special exhibition, "About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face," on display through Aug. 26. For information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

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Paintings by Janice Miller